

REMARKS

I. General

Claims 1-40 are pending in the present application. Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 6-13 stand allowed. Claims 1 and 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 14-40 stand withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of record.

Applicant notes that the summary of the Office Action mailed June 22, 2006, appearing at page 1 thereof, indicates that claims 6-12 stand allowed. However, the detailed action, at page 6, indicates that claim 13 is also allowed. Moreover, as claim 13 depends from allowed claim 12, and thus inherits the limitations thereof, Applicant understands claim 13 to stand allowed in the present Office Action.

In an effort to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, Applicant has cancelled rejected claims 1-5, without prejudice. Applicant does not concede that the rejections of record with respect to these claims are proper and expressly reserves the right to resubmit the cancelled claims in a continuing application.

Applicant has shown how the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004 is improper. The Examiner has, nevertheless, made the restriction requirement final. Although continuing to believe that the restriction requirement is improper, Applicant has cancelled withdrawn claims 14-40 in an effort to expedite issuance of the allowed claims.

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors therein discovered during the preparation of the present Amendment. Specifically, the paragraph appearing at page 9, line 14, through page 10, line 5, has been amended to delete a second occurrence of the word "selected" at page 10, line 4. The paragraph appearing at page 26, lines 3-10, has been amended to correct the spelling of the word "compatible" appearing at page 26, line 7. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

II. Summary

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the claims be passed to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 65948/P062US/10400203 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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